

## Adjunct Faculty for Fall Semester

The Department is fortunate to again have a number of adjunct faculty members who bring breadth to the curriculum through their expertise in specialized areas. Among them are several who will be familiar to the Department's majors, having taught during the 2001-02 academic year: Hamlin Caldwell, Chalmers Hood, Charles Ballard, and Mohammad Faghfoory. There are also two new faces for the fall: Darryl Nash and Christine Devine.

Actually Mr. Nash is not new to MWC, as he has previously taught as an adjunct on several occasions, offering courses in Military History, Modern Germany, Modern France, World War II, and Europe since 1945. He holds a BA in History from Virginia Tech, an MA in History from Madison College, and has done additional graduate study at the University of Virginia. He is currently a member of the adjunct faculty at James Madison University, where he teaches World History and Historic Preservation.

Mr. Nash has served 31 years in the Army Reserve, including active duty in the Vietnam War, the Somalia Expedition, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm. A graduate

of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, he has taught at the U.S. Army Signal School and the U. S. Army Intelligence School.

He lives near Harrisonburg with his wife, Diane, and four daughters. He enjoys restoring old houses and helping others do so. Other interests include travel, classical music, antiques, old cars, and historic technologies.

The other new adjunct for the fall semester is **Christine Devine**, who will be teaching a section of the American survey (HIST 131). Dr. Devine holds a BA in History from Marquette University and a Ph.D. in Early American History from the College of William and Mary, where her dissertation topic was "The Winds of War and Change: The Tuscarora War, 1711-1713."

A specialist in colonial and revolutionary American history, Dr. Devine has done extensive work in historical archaeology and public history and has published and spoken widely in those fields. Her most recent full-time teaching post was in the History Department at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. She resides in Charlottesville with her husband and two children.

## Writing Contest Winners

The Department — as its majors past and present will attest — puts considerable emphasis on the development of writing skills. An indication of success in this effort is the number of majors who, over the years, have won awards in the annual campus-wide writing contest sponsored by the Writing Center. This year was no exception, as two history majors were selected: Sophomore Maggie Hummel and Junior Willie Zaza. (The final selections, incidentally, are determined by a panel of judges from an institution other than MWC.)

Maggie's winning paper was produced under the direction of Professor Ferrell in her HIST 299 course. The title of the paper is "The Rose and the Lion: The Historiography of Edward I's Policy in Scotland."

Willie had the distinction (unprecedented, it seems, in the history of the MWC Writing Contest) of producing not one, but two, winning papers: one, "Changing Perceptions of the Molly Maquires" was written for

Professor Crawley's HIST 299 course, and the other, "The Passion of 1916," was written for Professor Blakemore's Military History course.

These three superb papers have been printed and distributed by the Writing Center, and copies are available in the History suite. Congratulations to Maggie and Willie!



Writing Contest Winners  
Willie Zaza and Maggie Hummel

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## New Department Chair: Carter Hudgins

Carter L. Hudgins became chair of the Department of History and American Studies on July 1, 2002, succeeding Arthur L. Tracy, who completed his three-year term at that time.

Professor Hudgins first came to MWC in 1984 as head of the Historic Preservation program and taught in, and chaired, that department for ten years. In 1994 he left the College to become executive director of the Historic Charleston Foundation, where he worked for six years before returning to MWC in 2000 with a joint appointment in History and Historic Preservation.

Professor Hudgins holds a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Richmond, M.A. in Early American History from Wake Forest University, and Ph.D. in Early American History from The College of William and Mary, where his dissertation topic was "Patrician Culture, Public Ritual, and Political Authority

in Virginia, 1680-1740." He is the author of numerous articles and reviews, as well as the prize-winning book, *Gender, Class and Shelter: Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1995).

Prior to coming to MWC in 1984, Professor Hudgins had taught at Armstrong State College in Savannah and at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, where he also served as Coordinator of Graduate Studies in Public History. While in Charleston he was an adjunct faculty member at both the College of Charleston (history and art history) and Goucher College (graduate faculty in historic preservation).

Professor Hudgins's office is in Monroe 209-B, and he may be reached at 654-1471 or by e-mail at [chudgins@mwc.edu](mailto:chudgins@mwc.edu).



Department Chair, Carter L. Hudgins

## Phi Alpha Theta

The 2001-02 academic year was a noteworthy one for the campus chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honor Society, including several innovations designed to support and promote the study of history in general and the development of the MWC Department in particular.

The year began with the Chapter's sponsorship of a reception for all new students who had indicated an interest in history as a possible major. The chapter will sponsor a similar event for the 2002-03 entering class.

In the spring, the Chapter sponsored a Majors Banquet (described elsewhere in this newsletter) at which 26 initiates were inducted, marking

a record number of students who met the criteria of 3.0 GPA overall and 3.2 in history courses, based on a minimum of 12 credit-hours in history.

At the Banquet the Annual Phi Alpha Theta Award was presented to graduating senior history major Christina Barber. The award recognizes outstanding service in the promotion of the interests of the Chapter and the Department, and went to Christina in acknowledgement of her outstanding work during the past year as secretary-treasurer of the Chapter.

The Chapter's officers for 2002-03 are: Allison Jennings, President; Jeff Frankston, Vice-President; and Carisa McAllister, Secretary-Treasurer.



Phi Alpha Theta officers (L to R): Secretary-Treasurer Carisa McAllister, Vice President Jeff Frankston and President Allison Jennings

## Majors Banquet

The Department's first Majors Banquet, sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honors Society, was held at Brock's Riverside Grill on April 21, 2002.

Attended by approximately 130 persons, including both majors and faculty, it proved to be highly successful and is envisioned as an annual event.

The program, which followed a social hour and buffet dinner, featured the awarding of membership certificates to the Phi Alpha Theta initiates and by presentation of the annual Phi Alpha Theta Award.

Several students were recognized for superior achievement in the Department's two required courses for majors, History 299, Introduction to the Study of History and History 485, Historical Research. Recognized for outstanding performance in HIST 299 were Todd Casey (Professor Crawley's class), Maeve Taylor (Professor O'Brien) and William Zaza (Professor Crawley).



History 299 Honorees (L to R): Willie Zaza, Maeve Taylor, and Todd Casey

Certificates for outstanding achievement in History 485 were presented to Dana Angell, for her paper, "The Fight for Liberalism: How Henry Wallace's 1948 Presidential Campaign Became a Race for Loyalties," directed by Professor Crawley; to Christina Barber, for her paper, "Life's Labor Lost? Cecil Calvert and Religious Toleration," directed by Professor Hudgins; and to John Fiorini, for his paper, "The Threat From



History 485 Honorees (L to R): Dana Angell, John Fiorini, and Chrisina Barber

the Left: Huey P. Long and the Initiative Against Franklin Roosevelt," directed by Professor Crawley.

Other highlights of the event included announcement of the

Departments Reps for the coming year, awarding of Department scholarships for 2002-03, and the presentation of the Department's annual Rose, Lindsey, Vance, and Thomas Awards. Recipients of these honors are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

## European Capitals 2003

For the eleventh time, the Departments of History/American Studies and Political Science/International Affairs are sponsoring a six-credit course that will take students to Europe for twenty-six days during the first term of summer school in 2003. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting **London, Paris, Vienna, Prague, and Berlin**. The six credits for the course can be used as part of the major programs in History, Political Science, or International Affairs or as elective credit for students not in those majors.

Leaving from Dulles International Airport in Washington during the second week of May, the group will fly to London for a seven-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, three days in Vienna, three days in Prague, and four days in Berlin. There will be four days for travel

between London and Paris (by train via the Chunnel under the English Channel), Paris and Vienna (by train through the Alps), Vienna and Prague (by bus), and Prague and Berlin (also by bus). The group will return to Washington from Berlin on June 13.

This is a unique course for Mary Washington College students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the College campus but relies instead on material and experiences "on site." Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course, by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the five capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning.

For additional information, pick up a brochure in the History Department office or contact Mr. Blakemore in Monroe 208H.

## Study Abroad: Joe Frick in London

History majors often opt to spend one semester of their junior year studying abroad. Among those who did so last semester was Joe Frick, who was enrolled at the University College of London and the University of North London. Near the end of the semester he forwarded a perceptive (as well as humorous) report that can be found on the Department's website. Here is an excerpt from Joe's account:

"London is by far one of the greatest cities in the world, if not *the* greatest. As a history major and a closet Anglophile, I always wanted to spend an extended period of time here so that I could see the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's, and many more — as well as maybe get Nicole Kidman to fall in love with me. Besides the last part, I have not been disappointed...."

"I'm taking two upper-level history seminars on Churchill and Gandhi, which are awesome. British classes are much different than those at MWC or other schools in the States. All classes are once a week for about three hours. There are no set course readings, but instead you are given a topic on the syllabus each week and expected to read widely on it from an extensive list of books. Usually in class we give either group or individual presenta-



Joe Frick in London: Spring, 2002

tions on a certain topic assigned to us the previous week....

"While I did technically come here to 'study,' living in central London is the real reason to come. London is electrifying and perplexing at the same time. The city has about 10 million people in it, which one would think would make it like New York City in that it 'never sleeps.' However, London is more like a New York City with a Main Street mentality. Most stores close by 6 PM, and it is almost impossible to buy groceries on Sunday because all the supermarkets are closed. Coming from a place where there would be a riot if Taco Bell closed before 2 AM, I found this hard to deal with at first. The fabled pubs close at 11 PM every night, leaving anybody who wants to stay out later than that (which is everybody) to have to hit the clubs, which are very expensive and crowded — but do stay open all night...."

"Another great thing about London is that it is basically the gateway to the rest of Europe. There are two 'budget airlines' that operate out of London .... This week I flew to Spain for only 40 Euro (about \$60) roundtrip. If you want to see an amazing city with double-decker buses, a subway system called 'the Tube,' eat fish and chips, drink beer with everything, and hear hilarious new ways to say words like 'schedule' and 'privacy' come study in London!"

## Faculty Notes

Porter Blakemore will be on sabbatical leave during the fall semester pursuing two research projects that have been on his back burner for some time. The first project involves America's naval role in the Great War in 1917 and 1918, focusing on the wartime career and social experiences of Earl R. Hatten, a native of Waco, Texas, who commanded submarine chasers for the United States Navy. His second project looks at the 1949 war crimes trial of German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, Hitler's top field commander, who after the War was alleged by the Soviets to have committed war crimes while in command of German forces on the Eastern front. Professor Blakemore will return to the classroom in the spring semester.

William B. Crawley was selected last semester as guest of honor at the First Annual Academic Affairs Professors' Appreciation Reception. The selection, which is made by the Department's majors, is designed

to recognize what the Academic Affairs Council describes as "helpfulness inside and outside the classroom and how [the recipient] has inspired [students] to learn and succeed." Professor Crawley was also recently named an "honorary alumnus" by the MWC Alumni Association in appreciation of his activities in support of the Association.

Carter L. Hudgins presented a paper entitled "Swept by Choice: Tradition and Change in the Houses and Landscapes of the Colonial Chesapeake" on June 8, 2002 at the conference *The Material World of Tidewater, the Lowcountry, and the Caribbean*, sponsored by the program in the Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World at the College of Charleston. To do so, he flew 10,000 miles in 72 hours from the Highland of Scotland and back to rejoin historic preservation students conducting field research in the village of Cromarty as part of the summer course he was offering, Historic Preservation in Scotland.



## Departmental Awards for 2001-02

Near the conclusion of each academic year the Department presents five major awards. Recipients of four of the awards for the past year were announced at the Majors Banquet in April:

Almont Lindsey Award for the outstanding senior History major: Dana Angell.

Glen Thomas Award for the outstanding senior American Studies major: Janelle Kennedy.

Willie Lee Rose Award for the graduating senior with the highest GPA in History courses: Jason Hickman.



*Dana Angell, Recipient of two Major Awards, with her Faculty Adviser, Dr. Crawley*

Phi Alpha Theta Award for the graduating senior who has contributed most significantly to the promotion of the Department: Christina Barber.

The final award, the Joseph C. Vance Award, recognizes the most outstanding Historical Research paper of the year. It was presented at the Senior Reception in May to Dana Angell for her paper on Progressive Party candidate Henry Wallace's 1948 Presidential campaign. It is unusual for a student to receive two of the major awards — so special congratulations to Dana!

## Scholarships (continued from page 4)

that it is a human right for all people to receive care for sickness and injury, and the concept of giving less attention to one suffering person than another is incomprehensible and repugnant to me."

### **Annwyn Milnes**

Annwyn (HIST '03; Adviser, Professor Crawley) is from Leesburg, Virginia. Though uncertain as to her precise plans for the future, she feels certain that they will evolve from her love of history and her quest for enlightenment generally. "Over the last three years at Mary Washington," she says, "I have learned how to think...[and] although it is a cliché, I have found myself...Through doubt comes all learning. The truth in everything is only found when we ask questions.... I will always ask questions."



*Darter Scholarship Recipients (L to R): Austin McCullough, Rebecca Erbelding, Carisa McAllister, and Annwyn Milnes*

### **Rebecca Erbelding**

Becky (HIST, Dec. '02; Adviser, Professor Tracy) is from Churchville, New York. She says that she has always loved the study of history. "From the time I was little," she says, "I listened to Fischer-Price's 'American Revolution' and 'Ben Franklin' tapes instead of Raffi, and played with President flash cards instead of baseball cards. When I got to college, I never went through a period of not knowing what I wanted to do. History was the only option for me, and when I look ahead to my future, I know I will be working in that field. It's my first love."



*Vance Scholar Allison Jennings*

## Historical Research Papers

As always, the historical research papers (HIST 485) for the Spring '02 semester covered a wide range of diverse and interesting topics. The following list contains the names of those majors who completed their projects during the spring, the titles of their papers, and, in parentheses, the professor who directed them.

Michael Arnold, "The Effects of the Civil War on the Members of the Irish Brigade" (McClurken)

Mary Beliveau, "America's Reactions to the Rise of Hitler" (Crawley)

Travis Bjorklund, "Kennan's Crusade: Origins of a Resonant American Foreign Policy — Fifty-Six Years Later" (Blakemore)

Jami Bryan, "Through a Soldier's Eyes: The Italian Campaign of World War Two" (Blakemore)

Michael Doll, Jr., "The Road to the White House: Abraham Lincoln's Career as a Lawyer" (McClurken)

Jamie Dorffner, "The Slave Revolts of Gabriel and Denmark Vesey: A Comparative Analysis" (Crawley)

Olivia Finnegan, "Overcoming Obstacles: The Woman Suffrage Movement in the South" (Crawley)

David Fletcher, "The Ku Klux Klan's Role in the Presidential Election of 1868" (McClurken)

Dana Folta, "Knowledge is Power: America's Recruitment of Nazi Scientists under Project Paperclip" (Blakemore)

Timothy Harrington, "British and American Views of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel" (Blakemore)

Abigail Harris, "William McKinley's War: The Struggle to Keep America out of Cuba" (Ferrell)

Jason Hickman, "Women of the Qing Court: Interpretations of Function and Experience" (Lu)

Allison Jennings, "George C. Marshall: Quite a Character" (Blakemore)

Dennis Jensen, "Tearing Down the Altars: The Historical Foundation and Precedent Set Down for Conversion of Norway By the Two Olafs" (O'Brien)

Marcellus Jones, "Internment: The Evacuation of the Japanese Americans" (Crawley)

Marc Kokosky, "The Black Sea Fleet Accords: An Aid to Democratization or Post-Soviet Politics as Usual?" (Warner)

Michael Miller, "The Role of the Military Orders in the Military and Economic Maintenance of the Holy Land" (O'Brien)

Sarah Nelson, "A Brief Survey of Buddhism and Women in Late Imperial China" (Lu)

Meghan Salo, "Pope Pius XII: The Debate Over Silence" (Blakemore)

John Spacek, "The Norfolk Seventeen" (Crawley)

David Taylor, "Operation Sunrise" (Blakemore)

## Scholarships

The Department, through the support of various benefactors, is fortunate to be able to offer several scholarships to its majors. These grants, described below, are awarded annually on a competitive basis. Students who wish to apply may do so by completing the appropriate form found on the Department's website <<http://departments.mwc.edu/hisa/www>>; forms are also available in the Department office, Monroe 208. The scholarships and their recipients for the 2002-03 session are:

### JAMES FARMER SCHOLARSHIP

The James Farmer Scholarship was established by friends and colleagues of the renowned civil rights activist who founded the Congress of Racial Equality in the 1940s, led the "Freedom Rides" in the '60s, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998, and taught History at MWC for 13 years prior to his death in 1999. Recipients of the Scholarship are expected to exemplify the ideals espoused and practiced by James Farmer.



Farmer Scholar Sarah Sedaghatfar

The James Farmer Scholar for 2002-03 is **Sarah Sedaghatfar**. Sarah (HIST '03; Adviser, Professor O'Brien) is from Reston, Virginia, and plans to attend law school after MWC, with the goal of becoming a public defender. Concerning her background, she writes: "I became a history major because for as long as I can remember I have loved reading about and learning about the past. My father is an Iranian Jew who lived a tough life. Jews were not common, or accepted, in Iran while my father was growing up there. My father left his country to come to the United States because a decent education would not be offered to him if he had stayed. The rest of his family was eventually forced to leave because of their religion. My mother was also raised as a Jew, in the United States, and faced a lot of anti-Semitism in her life as well. Because of my parents' experiences I was raised learning to accept everyone despite his or her religion, race, or sex."

### JOSEPH C. VANCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Joseph C. Vance Scholarship was established in 1999 by Dr. William B. Crawley, Jr., and Dr. Theresa Young Crawley, MWC Class of 1977, to honor the memory of their friend, Professor Vance, who was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of the History faculty from 1960 until his retirement in 1987.

The Vance Scholar for 2002-03 is **Allison Jennings**. Allison (HIST '03; Adviser, Professor Crawley) is from Rustburg, Virginia. She is undecided about her exact career goal, but is interested in some sort of public relations work. Whatever the job, she feels that the History major will prove beneficial. As she explains, "When I arrived at MWC in 1999, I had no idea what major would be right for me. I remained undecided until I took my first history course — Dr. Campbell's History of Virginia. My experiences since that first class have been so positive. The Department's faculty is like no other...I am most thankful for the skills I have developed in speech, writing, and research."

### OSCAR H. DARTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Oscar H. Darter Scholarship was established by the members of the Class of 1940 at their 50th reunion to honor the memory of Professor Darter, who was chair of the History Department from 1926 to 1960. Darter Scholarships for 2002-03 were awarded to four majors who will graduate in 2003. The Darter Scholars are:

#### Carisa McAllister

Carisa (HIST '03; Adviser, Professor Crawley) is from Staunton, Virginia, where she has worked as a docent in the city's Woodrow Wilson museum. "I have always enjoyed history," she says, "and not just because my parents used to take me to historical sites. Actually, I was the initiator of most of our family vacations to historical places. I am always in awe as I stand at the same place where those before me have lived and died...As I continue through history courses here at MWC, my appreciation has grown into a deep respect for the wealth of knowledge that professors share with us every day."

#### Austin McCullough

Austin (HIST '04; Adviser, Professor Hudgins) is from Leesburg and transferred to Mary Washington College from VMI. He is a double major with Biology and plans to attend med school after MWC. His extracurricular activities include Honor Council advising and volunteering in the local hospital's emergency room. He notes that his study of history, especially racism and civil rights, has had a significant impact on his long-held intent to become a physician. As he puts it, "I believe

## Department Reps, 2002-03

**Jennifer Hammond** (History) is a senior from Alexandria, Virginia. Her main areas of academic interest are women's studies and revolutionary movements. She enjoys competitive outdoor sports (especially baseball and softball), playing guitar, and doodling — hence the name of her fledgling company, "DrensDoodles." Her career plans include teaching, along with pursuing her interest in art.

**Austin McCullough** (History) is a junior from Leesburg, Virginia. His areas of particular interest include the American Revolution and Civil War military tactics, as well as, more specifically, John Brown and the Harper's Ferry raid. His extracurricular activities at MWC include the Fencing Club, Phi Alpha Theta, and volunteer work at the local hospital's ER. He also enjoys hiking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, and canoeing. He plans to attend med school after graduating from MWC.

#### Alex Capshaw-Taylor

(History) is a senior from Falls Church, Virginia. She is concentrating on Roman Studies and is also particularly interested in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. At MWC she is a resident of third floor Custis, where she participates in the Substance-Free Program and helps plan events. This summer she was an intern at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, where she worked on the

Julia Child Kitchen Exhibit. She plans to become a high school history teacher and perhaps eventually teach at the college level.

**Mary Schmotzer** (American Studies) is a senior from York, Pennsylvania. Her main area of academic interest is Colonial America. Her extracurricular activities include the Performing Arts Clubs and the *Bullet* writing staff; she is also chair of the Student Media Council. Her career goal is to be a public relations director for a company or some other position in advertising/marketing.

**Emily Ruesch** (American Studies) is a senior from Alexandria, Virginia. Her main focus is within the area of Human Rights. Her extracurricular activities include Circle K and Welcome Week Leader; she also works as a department aide in Economics. Her immediate goal after graduation is to join the Peace Corps and work in a health or environment-related job in Africa.

#### Jeff Frankston

is a senior from Glen Rock, New York. His main areas of academic interest are military and 20<sup>th</sup> century history. At MWC he plays rugby and is an officer of the Rugby Club, as well as 2002-03 vice president of the Upsilon Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. After graduation he hopes to become a naval officer or go into intelligence work.



Department Reps, 2002-03 (L to R): Mary Schmotzer and Emily Ruesch (AMST); Jeff Frankston, Alex Capshaw-Taylor, Austin McCullough, and Jennifer Hammond (HIST)

